



CITY OF BIG RAPIDS

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James Peek - Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer
City of Big Rapids

Experience: Volunteer Fireman at age 19 Farmington Township
Police Officer & Firefighter City of Farmington Department of Public
Police Officer City of Big Rapids
Claims Specialist State Farm Insurance 30 years
Code Officer & Zoning Administrator City of Big Rapids 2002 – Current

Issues on HB-4473:

1. Inspections are a health and safety matter to protect the tenants.
2. Inspection rates should be reasonable to cover a portion of cost to the City, Village, or Township.
3. With annual inspections, more than 50 % have corrections that are made during or after the inspection.
4. Tenants contact Our Department because the landlords fail to make necessary repairs.
5. Over-occupancy is common in Our City which has a State University.
6. The increase in fee for one unit was increased in 2005 from \$20. to \$30. This is the first increase in over twenty years. Fee will go to \$40 in 2007.
7. Sleeping rooms had windows painted shut and some sleeping rooms without any second means of egress for fire or emergency.
8. Limiting the years between inspections will increase injury and death to occupants.
9. Inspections are beneficial to the landlords for verification that safety required items are in place at the time of inspection.
10. Graph showing rental housing inspection fees for other college cities are attached.

City Manager	231-592-4020	City Treasurer	231-592-4002	Neighborhood Services	231-592-4035
Assessing	231-592-4030	DART	231-796-8675	Public Safety	231-527-0005
City Clerk	231-592-4000	Income Tax	231-592-4012	Public Works	231-592-4015
Water Plant	231-796-6231	Engineering	231-592-4018	Wastewater Plant	231-796-8483

RENTAL HOUSING FEES SURVEY

